



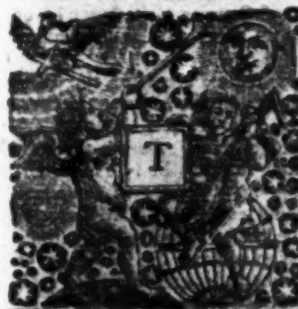
# THE London Journal



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To the Author of the London Journal.

S I R,



HERE is nothing that has done more Mischief to good Conduct with Regard to the Publick, than the *Extraneous* Men have been apt to run into, in the Heats of their Opposition to one another; and there is no Time perhaps in History in which this has been more seen, than it is at present amongst our selves. In the *Common Writers*, who have of late very much governed the Politics and Passions of Men, there seems to have been a Conspiracy to destroy the right Notions of Things from off the Marb, and to substitute in their Room something which is agreeable to the Resentment and Anger of themselves and others; something that, instead of correcting or sharing, falls in with, and flatters the Unreasons and Outcries of the World; fomenting and encreasing that Ferment upon which it is form'd, and out of which entirely it springs. I will give now one very remarkable Instance of this, and perhaps afterwards several more.

There is not a more great or more noble Idea amongst all that have any Relation to human Society, than that of a PATRIOT, and of Patriotism. But if one were to judge from much of the Conduct and Writings of this last, and the former Year, what could one think, but that any Thing will do for a *Patriot*, that is but hot and stiff equally in every Point propos'd? This has gone on to such a Degree, that we have seen an open Avowal of a never-failing Opposition to whatever is to be brought on by some Persons, put upon the World for the Height of a Virtue, which is entirely lost in a Cloud of Dust, as soon as it is governed by such a Rule. Some Gentlemen have thought the Rule to good, that they have entertained the World with *Publick Advertisements* at the Time of the late Elections, founded upon it: One desires to be chosen Member, and he merits it — *having never given one Vote with the Court* — Another, *having oppos'd the Ministry in every Thing* — A Third, *having no Place or Pension*; and giving his Word and Honour (a vain Resolution!) that he never will accept of any — A Fourth gives his Electors warning against his *Antagonist*, that he was *seen once speaking with a Man in a great Place* — and that *this great Man had spoke favourably of him* — A Fifth gives publick Notice, that his Brother Candidate is an *Officer of the Militia*, a Post of a great Income, and in the Nature of it under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant of the County — And he (*injur'd Gentleman*!) cannot bear such a Reproach, but oblig'd the World with a solemn Declaration, that it is a *Post of Trouble for the Service of his Country*, and not of Profit; and that it cannot directly or indirectly influence him from his *Resolution of opposing every thing propos'd* — And more of the like sort; too many to be enumerated. It was always doubtful with me, whether to receive such Notices of the Dispositions of my Countrymen with Laughter, or Pity, or Indignation; And

therefore sometimes One took Place, and sometimes Another. — *Ut mihi sapere*

*Bilem, sepe jocum deseri movere tumultus!*

It is not that I have any Fear upon me, but that the *raffish Resolutions* of these Gentlemen against all *Places*, and their vicious Modesty and Humility, may be overcome by Impertunity; and they prevail'd upon to give themselves to the Service of their Country in some *Post* or other, which so much wants the Help of Persons of so great and self-denying *Genius*. But I am, I am in Pain for one of the greatest Virtues of the social Life: For what is all this, but the turning *Patriotism* into *Ridicule*; and bringing into Contempt, amongst those that know the World, and the Movements and Vicissitudes of Men's Passions, that *Publick-Spirit*, which alone, rightly understood, can save us from utter Destruction!

And I am still more in Pain, for the present Decree upon those who know little or nothing of these Arts and Tricks of Management in the World. When a young Man is first chosen into Parliament, he can be compar'd to nothing better than to one born into a new World, surrounded with new Objects and new Relations, destitute (in great measure) of Experience, the Mother of political Wisdom, knowing no Oracle to go to for Direction, but his own young and fresh, and in their own Nature hasty Observations, and Conclusions from them. If he gives himself Leave to think at all, and is not abandon'd to Insensibility, or wholly ignorant what the Publick, and what his own Interest mean, he cannot but feel some Impression and Weight in the Reflection, that *Every Step he takes, and every Vote he is to give, will have some Influence upon the Fate of his Native Country*; and that he can never answer it to his Honour, or to that Country, if he does not form himself upon the best Model, follow the best Examples, and conduct himself by the best Maxims he can frame from the Observations of others of greater Experience than himself.

In this Temper he comes up with all the Sincerity of unexperienced Youth, and all the Warmth natural to those of that Age, in whatever they embrace or propose to themselves as right and good; resolv'd to save and serve his Country, and struck with the Love of Praise and Glory from that Resolution, he comes up, free from all that Jealousy which is begot by Experience only; and never having had the Experience of being deceiv'd by others, he imagines them as sincere as himself; and he takes *that* for Reality and Sincerity of Intention, which is only *Practice* upon such as himself, and the usual Management of good Workmen, to make themselves formidable enough to be courted into what they have so much protested against. What must such a one think or do? He comes with these Dispositions; and he finds the *best* as well as most *popular* *Modes* fix'd upon by Men of no small *Vogue* and Figure. They have taken Possession of them, and press'd them into their Service; and by the Magick of their Names, accompany'd with Noise and Positiveness, have gained a great Reputation and many Followers: How easy therefore is it, without a great deal of Thought and Care, for him to be charm'd with the Voice of such Oracles; to add himself to the Number of those who *chase* them, and to imitate their *Conduct*, that he may have a Share in their *Popularity*? And how well, perhaps, he may come to think, it will sound in his Country. — *Am. N.* — is certainly right, — he opposes every thing, — he is resolv'd to gain!

gent all Places, — he votes every Vote against the Court, — he follows my Lord — and Mr. — who are great Patriots, and the Whigs get join with our Friends to save their Country. — As for the old and experienced Craftsmen, who know the Force of the Methods they take for their own Purposes, they conduct themselves by their Will, and not by their Understandings; and by their Will only they see, and hear, and speak, and act; and it is in vain to apply to any other Faculty about them: But this is the *Demerit*, which I fear may cease upon the Unexperienced, before repeated Trials and long Use in such Affairs can have fortified them against it.

What therefore is to be done? What can be done in such a Case, but to make greater Caution, and a greater degree of Consideration, stand in the Place, and supply the Want, of long Experience? To be shure that means and subject State of Soul, on each Side, as to speak, or vote, or act, because either a Courtier or an Anti-Courtier speaks, or votes, or acts thus? If I feel that I truly love my Country, this is Satisfaction enough to me, if I have a well-form'd Mind, that I am a Patriot in the best Sense: And if I feel this, one Minute's Thought will convince me, that the sole Point to me is, what is propos'd, and not by whom. If it be good and unexceptionable, it ought to give the mere Joy to every honest Mind, that it comes from Them who are in Power: And if it comes from Others, it still ought to be receiv'd and applauded, let all in Power receive or relish it how they please. And the Judgment about it every Man must form for himself, upon the Arguments only made use of on each Side: And I hope it is no unreasonable Supposition, that every Gentleman, who thinks himself capable of representing his Country, thinks himself capable of voting; and that, if he thinks himself capable of voting, he thinks himself capable on which Side to do it.

But I must stop for the present; and will take the next Opportunity to prosecute this Subject farther, in order to shew more fully the Marks of the Real and Pretended Patriot.

I am, S I R,

Your humble Servant,

BRITANNICUS.

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THESE are Advices from Moscow, which import, that the Czar has sent Orders thither for assembling 15000 Men to be sent to Astracan, which makes it conjectur'd that his Expedition that Way meets with greater Difficulties than was imagin'd. — 'Tis wrote from Warsaw, that an Agent of King Stanislaus has privately deliver'd Letters to several Polish Noblemen in his Interest; but Orders being given for his Apprehension, he has made his Escape. — The French King's Coronation will not be perform'd before the 15th of next Month, or later; that Time at least being required to finish the necessary Preparations for the Ceremonial. The Expence thereof will be surprisingly great, especially for fine Cloaths; 13000 Waggon's are already hired to carry Baggage to Rheims, and abundance of foreign Nobility daily flock thither on that Occasion. — 'Tis reported, that his Sardinian Majesty has enter'd into an Offensive and Defensive Alliance with the Emperor, and that he is to command a Confederate Army of 60,000 Men in Italy next Spring. — Signior Alviso Mocenigo is confirmed Duke of Venice, and crowned accordingly, in the Room of Signior Cornaro, lately deceas'd. — 'Tis said, the Turkish Fleet, reinforc'd by some Barbary Ships, is return'd to Malta, for the Defence of which Island the Court of Rome has order'd a Supply of Money.

#### L O N D O N.

CAPT. Pringle, Commander of the Warburton, from Antigua, lately arrived in the Thames, gives this very odd Account, that being in the Latitude of 13 Degrees homeward bound, and, as he supposes, 300 Leagues from any Land, a prodigious Swarm of Butter-flies alighted in such Numbers on the Sails, Rigging, and other Parts of the Ship, that they almost cover'd them: That these Insects were drove off the Land by a strong Gale of Wind, is pretty certain; but how they subsisted in that Element in so long a Passage, as they must come, we leave to others to determine.

On Monday last in the Morning, was found under the Gate-way of Flower-de-Luce Court, Southwark, a newborn Infant with its Bones broken, and cram'd into an earthen Pot; but the Authors of this Barbarity are not yet discovered.

The great Ship Yard at Blackwall, formerly Sir Harry Johnson's, is now bought by Sir Gregory Page, Mr. Crawley, Col. Raymond and Major Godfrey, for the Building of

East-India, South-Sea and other large Ships. The same Gentlemen have appointed Mr. Kirby, Son of Justice Kirby, to be their Builder.

Mr. William Murphey, a private Gentleman in his Majesty's first Troop of Horse Guards commanded by the Right Honourable the Lord Herbert, is just arrived from the Court of Berlin; to which Place he was order'd with Eleven tall Men, which he raised in Ireland for the Service of the King of Prussia, who was pleas'd to receive him very graciously, and presented him with Three Hundred Ducks of Gold.

A great Number of People who have lately sued Mr. Ram on account of some Brunswick Tickets, have been every Man Non-suited; it appearing to the Court, that that Gentleman has returned the Money to every Body for the Tickets which were deliver'd out by him; and that those Persons who had contest'd the Matter with him, had purchased theirs in Exchange-Alley, many of which were forged.

Besides the ten Ships which we inform'd our Readers were taken up in August last by the East-India Company, the Five following were added last Week, viz. a new Ship not yet launched, Capt. Nelly, for China; Carnarvan, Capt. Thwaites; the Mary, Capt. Holden; another new Ship, Capt. Fitz-Hugh, all for the Coast and Bay; the Duke of York, Capt. Hyde, for Bombay.

Besides the great Quantity of Tea that we formerly mentioned to be dispos'd of at the East-India Sale on the 15th Instant, there will be put up 496639 Pieces of Muslins, Chintz, Cuttanees, and other Piece Goods; 966000 L. Weight of Pepper; 190000 of Cowries, and 83000 L. of Carmentia Wool; 4717 Bales of Coffee, with sundry other Goods.

The Emperor has at last granted a Patent for the Establishing of an East-India Company in the Austrian Netherlands; the Substance of which, we hear, is, that they are empowered to open Books of Subscription, wherein the Subjects of any Nation are admitted to subscribe: The Company is to be call'd, *The Imperial Company of Commerce establish'd in Flanders*; the Fund consists of 3 Millions of Florins, and Directors are to be chosen who are to continue as such for one Year. The Nobles have the Privilege of entering into this Company without derogating in the least from their Nobility. Those of any Nation who subscribe 20000 Florins are to be naturaliz'd from the Time of that Subscription; and any Person has Privilege to subscribe what Sum he pleases above 1000 Florins, but nothing less to prevent Confusion in their Accompts.

We hear that the Silk Worms which have been kept for some Time past at Chelsea, thrive very much; that they have produced several hundred Weight of Silk, and that near four hundred Mulberry Trees have been lately planted there for their Subsistence.

'Tis said that Mr. L. — w has above twenty Actions enter'd against him in the Court of King's Bench, by several Workmen who were sent for over by him to Paris, and employ'd there by his Order.

'Tis farther said, that Gentleman has been solicited since he came to England by the Lady who conceal'd him many Years ago when he broke out of the Marshalsea Prison (notwithstanding a Proclamation was out against him with a considerable Reward) to procure some little publick Employ for her Son, but she has not been yet so happy as to succeed.

Last Week a young Lady being cross'd in Love by her Father, left his House, and was some Days since married to a Stage-Coachman.

From our Portsmouth Letters of the 10th Instant.

"On Wednesday Morning last, the Drake Sloop sail'd out of this Harbour to Spithead, and in the Afternoon went from thence to her Station on the Coast of Ireland. "On Thursday the Winchelsea sail'd, but the Wind proving contrary just as she reach'd St. Helens, she return'd again to Spithead; however she sail'd this Morning with the Wind at N. W. the Governour, &c. for Lucia are on board her; she took 3 Ships with her from hence, and touches at Cork for other Merchant Ships that are loading Provisions, &c. there for that new Settlement. "Soon after I dispatch'd my last, the Otter Sloop sail'd with the Pay Clerks, and Money, to pay 6 Months Wages to the Workmen of his Majesty's Yard at Plymouth. "The Lane is sail'd for the River, her Company not being admitted to come ashore here.

They are building a large Charity School for the Children of St. Leonard's Shoreditch, near the Church: Several Gentlemen of that Parish have subscribed handsomely thereto, and there is one who hath advanced 200 l. towards that good Work.



His Majesty on Monday last diverted himself with shooting in Bushy-Park, which belongs to the Earl of Halifax, and in the Afternoon returned again to Kensington; which Palace he will now soon leave in order to return to St. James's: And, 'tis said, his Royal Highness will be coming to Town from Richmond the Beginning of the next Month.

The Vienna Letters advise, that Prince Eugene shortly expects the noble Legacy which the Duke of Marlborough left him, which was 4000 Guineas, a Sword set with Diamonds, and the Picture of the late Emperor Joseph; both which are of a considerable Value. — And the Dispatches from Rome import, that a few Days ago there was found, by digging in some Grounds belonging to Count Mazzotti, an oriental Alabaster Chest, with Figures round it in Baso Relievo, which is conjectured to have been the Sepulchre of the Emperor Vespasian's Son.

Last Week a Wager of Twenty Pound was rowed for from Fulham to Paul's Wharf by two Watermen (who were obliged to have 2 Passengers in their Boat) against a Man that was to run that Distance on Shore; who it seems got the better of the Watermen by some Minutes. The Day following a Butcher of St. James's Market won a considerable Sum by walking from thence to Oxford in a Day; which Place he reached by five in the Evening.

From our Paris Letters we are assured, that Sample (for the Apprehending of whom a Reward of 1000 l. has been offer'd) has been seen at Calais in the Dress of a Sailor.

'Tis wrote from Rye of the 7th Instant, that Capt. Pigram, a few Days before, carry'd 40 half Anchors of Brandy into that Port, which he seized out of a Follstone Boat. 'Tis added, that a noted Smugler belonging to Walters's Gang is taken, but that they did not know his Name.

A new Synagogue has been lately open'd in Shoe-maker Row; which the Dutch Jews in this City have built.

The Affair of Arbitration touching the 60,000 l. formerly mention'd, is at last determin'd, viz. the Bank is to bear 30,000 l. Expence, and the South-Sea the other 30,000 l.

Several Proprietors of the Bank having borrowed considerable Sums of Money on their Stock during the South-Sea Infatuation, the Court of Directors of the Bank have resolv'd to sell the Stock of those who do not immediately pay the Loans thereon, and return the Overplus to the Owners.

The Treasurer of the Convent at Paris, who came hither with a great deal of their Money, has been arrested here in an Action of Debt, at the Suit of M. des Touches, Secretary to the French Embassy; and is secur'd till Orders came from the French Court about him.

By a Letter from the Devises, dated the 9th Instant, we have an Account, viz. that they had heard that one of the King's Messengers had seized a Waggoner at Chippingham, who, they say, has carry'd this Summer at several Times, twenty Tuns of Gun-powder, and a considerable Quantity of Arms from London to Bristol; that the said Waggoner was in Custody, and the Messenger is gone forward to Bristol.

Last Saturday Night two Fellows of the Town of Deptford, were taken as they were making off in a Boat with a great Parcel of Iron, which they had stole out of an Anchor-smith's Yard in that Town. They were sent to Maidstone Goal, a Place they are well acquainted with, as having been there Twice before.

On Tuesday Morning last one Mr. Drummond was seized and committed to the Custody of a Messenger. — The Number of State Messengers are now 40 complete, 10 whereof are in waiting at a Time Monthly, and are distributed as follows; viz. Four at Court, Five at one Secretary's Office, Five at the other; and Two at the 3d Office for North Britain; Three at the Council Office, and one waits on the Lord Chamberlain of the Household, in whose Gift those Places are; which, if purchased, are esteem'd worth 100 l.

There are Letters which confirm the Pretender's being gone Post from Lucca, but it is not known whither. During his Stay there, it is said he kept an open Table of 10 Dishes, and performed the Ceremony of Touching several Persons for the Evil, putting about their Necks a silver Medal, representing St. Edward on one Side, and on the Reverse three Vessels at Sea.

Letters from Staffordshire bring the welcome News of a fine Harvest there, which was all got in well; 'tis added, that the Corn, both for Quantity and Quality, exceeds their Harvests for several Years past.

At the Sessions which began the 7th Instant at the Old-Bailey, the following Persons received Sentence of Death, viz. Thomas Jennings, Arthur Hughes, John Casey, Thomas Wilson, Thomas Etheridge, and Edmund Raymond, for robbing on the Highway; Isaac Hullman for Horse Stealing; Richard Oxer, alias Hudson, for Burglary; Anne

Morris for the Murder of her Female Bastard Child; Matthias Brindley for murdering of his Wife; Walker Green (a Woman) for stealing two Gold Watches; William Sladdon and Edward Myers for returning from Transportation; Benjamin Shambler, for Felony on the South-Sea Act; Charles Palmer for Burglary; Robert Wilkinson and James Lincoln for robbing on the Highway, and murdering Peter Martin, a Pensioner of Chelsea College; Margaret Fisher for Felony, who pleaded her Belly, and was found to be quick with Child. Six were burnt in the Hands, several order'd for Transportation, and three committed to Newgate for Perjury. Capt. Massey, who lay in Newgate on a Charge of Pyracry, was admitted to Bail.

'Tis said, that on Tuesday next the Foreman Hyde-Park will decamp.

The write from Edinburgh, that some Time since a small Brigantine of 16 Tuns, loaded with 30 Pipes of Palm and Canary Wines, and about 3000 Pound Weight of Spanish Snuff, and Materials for Dying, commanded by an Irishman, was by him offer'd to Sale at the Town of Stranar, but not finding a Merchant there for his Purpose, he sail'd to the Highlands and the River Cly, where he sold both Ship and Cargo for a small Price; and as he was returning to Ireland, gave out that it was stranded and lost; by which Condukt, and several other Circumstances, it is suspected that he ran away with the said Vessel. Mr. James Dalrymple, Officer of the Customs at Stranar, hath secured some Part of the Cargo for the Owners.

Letters of a later Date from Scotland advise, that Capt. Mac Neil march'd from Inverness with a Detachment of his Majesty's Forces to disperse a Party of Highlanders belonging to the Earl of Seaforth, who were lying in Ambuscade in a Wood; the said Capt. was order'd with a Serjeant, and a Party of 18 Men out of the said Detachment, to clear the Wood of the Highlanders, who let them pass without Molestation; upon which Captain Mac Neil advancing at the Head of his main Body, the Highlanders attack'd them, and in the Fight the Captain receiv'd 12 small Shot, upon which he dropp'd, and was carried off wounded; one of his Men was kill'd, and some others wounded: Upon this the Highlanders left the said Wood, with a Design to draw his Majesty's Forces to their other Parties, who were lurking on the Hills; the King's Troops pursued them, little imagining that they had any more but themselves, until a Gentleman came up and told them, that if they advanc'd any farther they would be all cut to Pieces: Upon this a Council of War was held, where it was resolv'd to retreat to Inverness.

The Transfer Books of the London Assurance Office will be shut on Thursday the 17th Instant, in order for a Dividend.

The South-Sea Company are now making proper Provision for the Payment of their Bonds. The said Bonds are at three and four Shillings Premium.

The Prize Certificates in the Malt Lottery, 1751, from the First Course to the 37th, are now paying at the Bank.

The Transfer Books at the Bank will be shut from Wednesday the 19th Instant, to Friday the 19th of October following.

We hear, that since the Purchase of the Ship Yard at Blackwall, as abovemention'd, several new Buildings have been begun, which are like to Lett well, on account of the great Numbers of People being employ'd there.

Mr. Tickell, who was appointed by the late Mr. Addison to publish his Works, has presented Mr. Button in Covent-Garden with a curious Set of the same for the use of the Coffee-Room, that being the House Mr. Addison us'd.

The Earl of Sunderland's Porter is gone distracted upon the Death of his Master, and has for many Days past wander'd about the Country in a lamentable Condition.

The Principal Traders in Antwerp and other Parts of the Low-Countries, have express'd extraordinary Satisfaction upon the Emperor's Consent to the Establishment of a Company of Commerce, they think themselves extremely obliged to our Countryman Mr. Colebrook, who has spar'd no Pains nor Expence in accomplishing that Affair; and they are the more surpris'd at that Gentleman's Success, he having, ever since the first Proposal of that Matter, been violently oppos'd by the Marquis de Prié.

'Tis reported, that several of the Prebendaries of Westminster have presented a Memorial, desiring they may have Authority given them to renew Leases, set Fines, and transact all other Caputular Affairs during the Confinement of the Lord Bishop of Rochester, the Dean of that Collegiate Church.

Last Week one John Berrisford, a noted Deer-stealer, being arrested in Whitechappel by two Bailiffs, oppos'd their carrying him away, and defended himself for a long time with an Ax, till he was cut into the Scull by the Officers, and died in two Hours after.

Great Quantities of Corn are daily shipping off for Ireland, to supply the Scarcity there.

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